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THE RED CROSS DRIVE IS ON.

Big Campaign For Fifteen Million Members Will End on Christmas Eve.

We must not fail in this drive. Everybody at it means success. If you do not get your Certificate of Membership as soon as you expect wait a few days patiently. Certificates require time and care.

Mail and express are uncertain these days and this may delay some of the material we promise you.

The secretary is authorized to organize auxiliaries. Be sure the secretary gets the word. Call Red Cross Headquarters, Louisville, Phone No. 55.

Get in the best report possible by Christmas Eve and keep on working. Good reports are beginning to come in. Full report of the results of the campaign can not be made till next week.

Louisa is responding nobly to the Red Cross call. The town was divided into districts and closely canvassed. Very few homes or business houses will fail to show the warm glow of the Red Cross in their windows on Christmas Eve, those that do not will look awfully cold.

Key Bostwick and family went to Richardson Saturday night and organized an Auxiliary. They furnished a good musical programme.

The Western Union Telegraph company and the Southern Bell Telephone company are helping out in the drive by giving free service.

Red Cross Meeting Sunday Night.

All the churches in Louisa abandoned their regular services last Sunday night and joined in a Red Cross rally at the Baptist church. Rev. Gough, the pastor, is the county chairman of the big drive now on for a large membership. He presided at the meeting. The first speaker was Rev. A. C. Boatwick of the M. E. Church, secretary of the Lawrence County Chapter. He dealt almost entirely with interesting information about the Red Cross work. Rev. Boatwick is one of the best informed men on this subject to be found anywhere. He is unselfishly devoting nearly all his time to this great cause.

Rev. H. O. Chambers of the M. E. Church South, was next presented by the Chairman and made a very able address. He was followed by Rev. J. H. Stambaugh of the Christian church, who freed some of the audience to a high pitch.

The question of organizing the public school into a Red Cross body came up and was settled favorably by a number of persons guaranteeing the membership fees. These guarantors agreed to take care of groups from 20 down, making a total of 400 or more.

The meeting was a big success. Results were evident the next day in persons voluntarily joining after having refused the solicitations of committees last week.

21 KENTUCKY COUNTIES SET HIGH CANNING MARK

Report Of State Agent Values Food Preserved By Women At \$1,108,260.60.

In a report of food production and conservation work during the season of 1917 sent to the Department of Agriculture at Washington by Mrs. Helen B. Wolcott, State home demonstration agent, credit is given the girls and women of twenty-five counties of Kentucky for canning of vegetables and fruits valued at \$1,108,260.60, with a total of 4,932,287 containers.

The report from the office of the State agent in 1916 showed 227,139 containers at a net value of \$41,336.50. Credit for the showing of the State for the year is given by Mrs. Wolcott to the address of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carl Vrooman before the county agents for the State early last summer in Lexington, telling of the need of the nation for foods and warning Kentucky people that starvation faced them unless they raised the food needed themselves instead of relying on outside States.

Home demonstrators have organized canning work in only twenty-five counties of the State, and the report made covers only the counties included in this list. Nearly 15,000 women and girls of the State have enrolled in canning classes, the report shows.

COURT JUDGMENT ASIDE.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 14.—Receiver J. W. Jeffers, of the Central Life Insurance company, is entitled to another "go" according to the Court of Appeals, in his suit against W. B. Taylor and J. W. Vickers, of Pike-co., on stock notes for \$2,550 and \$4,250, respectively. Judgment was given by the Pike Circuit Court for the defendants and ordering the cancellation of the notes on the ground of fraud, and the judgments were affirmed by the Court of Appeals, in an opinion by Judge Miller, but the court said the receiver may yet make application to set the judgments aside.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

The home of Tobe Elswick, a mine at Kenner, Pike-co., was destroyed by fire Monday night and three small children perished in the flames. Mrs. Elswick narrowly escaped.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

The Christmas entertainment this year will be in the form of the "White Christmas." The key word for this entertainment is the word "Others." To this end every member of the church or Sunday school is expected to come to the church on Christmas Eve at 6:30 with a package of some kind. The package may contain clothing, fruits, candies, toys or other articles. Each package should be wrapped in white paper and tied with white string. If the gift is money it should be put in a white envelope. At the proper time every one will have an opportunity to deposit his gift upon the platform.

The gifts will be given to the needy of our own city and should there not be enough worthy persons in our midst to use what we receive the remainder will be sent to the orphanage home. An especially worthy cause is that of the starry-limbed women and children of persecuted and war-torn Armenia and Syria. The Sunday school of the M. E. Church South, with others, has been called upon to contribute at least five cents a member to the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund. The money received at this "White Christmas" entertainment will be devoted to this cause. Every member of our church will have this opportunity to do something for others.

A short, interesting program will be rendered. Every one is cordially invited to be present. HERBERT O. CHAMBERS, Pastor.

ENSIGN CRUTCHER AND BRIDE.

Ensign Chauncey Crutcher and bride, who have been the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Crutcher of Holden and friends in Huntington left Wednesday for the East, where Lieutenant Crutcher will join his battleship, New Hampshire.

INCOME TAX REPORTS MUST BE MADE.

U. S. OFFICERS TO VISIT EVERY COUNTY SEAT AND ASSIST CITIZENS.

Lexington, Ky., December 18.—You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspaper men will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Hays said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes too that taxpayers resident at points where collectors of income tax are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000 and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collector district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collectors' branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information, that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make a return and pay tax. "The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

At Louisa Jan. 28 to Feb. 2. LATER.—The department has just announced that an income tax officer will be at Louisa January 28 to February 2 to assist the people in making their reports. Paintsville, February 1 to 9, Inez, February 14 and 15.

\$200,000 FIRE AT HOLDEN WEST VA.

THE LARGE COMPANY STORE, MANAGED BY W. J. CRUTCHER, DESTROYED.

A loss estimated at \$200,000, was caused by a fire which destroyed the interior and practically the entire contents of the large two-story general store of the Island Creek Coal company at Holden early Wednesday morning.

The fire was discovered shortly after two o'clock by a boy, who saw a blaze coming from the basement to the front end of the store. He gave the alarm and although the citizens worked heroically to check the flames the blaze was not stopped until it burned itself out. It was fortunate for Holden that the building was constructed as fire proof, as the stone walls kept the flames confined and prevented the spread of the fire. The interior of the building from cellar to roof was completely gutted, leaving the four stone walls standing intact.

The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. The Holden watchman passed the building not more than twenty minutes before the fire was discovered and he saw no signs of a blaze of any kind. When the fire was first discovered the flames were eating their way up through the floor from the basement in the front of the store. The store was heated by steam, the heating apparatus being located in the rear of the basement, and it is impossible to conceive how the fire could have started where it did unless it was deliberately ignited by some person. That the fire did not start at the furnace and spread to the front, where it broke through to the upper floors, is demonstrated by the fact that the very little unburned portion of the store was the lower floor in the rear, almost directly over the furnace. The officers of the county and the County Council of Defense will make a rigid investigation of the origin of this fire.

W. J. Crutcher, general manager of the stores of the Island Creek Coal Co., estimates the loss of the merchandise consumed at \$140,000 to \$160,000. When the damage to the building is added the total loss will approximate \$200,000. We understand the loss was almost entirely covered by insurance.

The safe in the store contained about two thousand dollars in cash. Whether or not this escape, a destruction is unknown as they have not as yet been able to raise it from the ruins.

Wednesday morning, Manager Crutcher immediately started getting ready for business. The building of the moving picture theater was taken over and the inclined floor torn out. Workmen started to work at once building shacks and counters and the place was ready for business on Thursday morning. The warehouse of the company, which was just across the alley in the rear of the burned building, was saved from the fire by the fact that steel shutters were on the rear windows of the store. This warehouse is crowded with probably \$100,000 worth of merchandise, so that the new store can be immediately stocked with goods.—Logan Democrat.

YOUNG OFFICERS.

Fresh From Training Schools, Report For Duty At Camp Taylor.

Louisville, Ky., December 16.—One hundred young officers, fresh from training camps with their commissions reported at Camp Taylor to-day and took up the task of "settling down" under difficulties. The miles of camp streets have been cleared of snow, but traffic handicaps are still great and many of the men had difficulty in having their luggage delivered. Parts of the Quartermaster's Corps from Ft. McPherson also reported and were assigned to quarters.

Official announcement was made to-day that \$50,000,000 war risk insurance had been placed among the men at the camp. The majority of policies are for \$7,500.

The widowed mother of Virgil Spencer, of Salt Lick, Ky., whose death took place Friday, caused by pneumonia, will receive \$10,000. Spencer had taken out the policy only a short time prior to his illness.

HOME GUARD IS PLANNED FOR STATE PROTECTION

Lexington, Ky., December 16.—Adj. Gen. Tandy Ellis said here tonight that a Kentucky home guard to protect the State against any outbreak of outlawry would be formed at the beginning of 1918. The Kentucky Home Guard would be separate from the United States Guards, which the Government recently announced would be formed, but its organization will follow the same lines. Men above and below draft ages will be offered by Spanish War veterans and officers declared ineligible for foreign service. Formation awaits passing of a law by the Legislature to supplement the old National Guard law.

G. F. FRIEL MARRIED.

G. F. Friel, former owner of the Ashland Daily Independent, was married to Miss Sara Hilson Gillen, of Lexington. The marriage was solemnized at Covington at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Homer Clay Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Friel left at once for Hattiesburg, Miss., where they will visit his son, Lieut. William Friel. They will make an extended tour of the South before returning to Ashland, where Mr. Friel is a leading life insurance agent and real estate dealer.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION NOW IN SIGHT.

CONGRESS HAS PASSED BILL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Congress this week passed a bill providing for National Prohibition. It is in the form of an amendment to the Constitution, which will become effective when ratified by the Legislatures of 36 States. This must be done within seven years after the passage of the bill. Temperance people predict it will be accomplished within three years. The manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquors will then be prohibited throughout the United States for beverage purposes.

This is the greatest victory yet achieved by the prohibition forces and it brings within sight the goal so long sought by them. This is the only effective treatment for one of the world's two greatest curses. The other is the Kaiser, and death will and his fiendish career sooner or later. Prohibition in spots is far from satisfactory, but national prohibition will eventually wipe out the evil.

It is now up to the Kentucky Legislature, which will meet early in January, 1918, to ratify the national amendment.

FIRST NAME ON HONOR ROLL.

The following from the Reporter, Camp Taylor, is of interest to Lawrence county friends and relatives of Mr. Stewart:

Co. D, 39th Engineers, Camp Taylor, Kentucky. To Printer Stewart, a young man of unassuming disposition who lives on Rural Route No. 6, Ashland, Ky., has come an honor never before accorded a man in Boyd county and one that will make his worthy of prominent note when the history of the country is written.

Mr. Stewart's number which was given him on the list of those who had enlisted in the first national army in the history of the United States was the first to be drafted for Boyd county out of the great class bowl in Washington. He was the first man called before the local examining board and the first man to waive claims for exemption. He was the first man selected to represent Boyd county in the conscript army by the local board and the first selected by the district at Camp Taylor at Louisville as one of Boyd county's first men who testified in church which was held in the Y. M. C. A. by Rev. J. H. Smyth. Mr. Stewart said he did not fear war for it was his time to go and he was ready.

The Lord blessed him and gave him a home in this world he was willing to live it out and go to the heaven where no death or suffering can enter. There is a place for every soul in war or out of war. Mr. Stewart is the first man drawn in the Camp Taylor kitchen and he is now training other men to cook. He was the first man to go to Hattiesburg and we transferred him to the Co. D, 39th Engineers. He is the first man in history to be the first man under our flag that has been first in every part of our play, hacking up his country, his home, on land or sea. He is the best standing young man in Camp Taylor. Stands in front with all men known in the history of America. He is present day and night with the spirit from God and the spirit and the bride say: "Conquer and let him that heareth say come and let him that thirst come and whoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Respectfully, FRANK E. GORGE, Colonel.

IMPORTANT TO SOLDIER BOYS.

The Adjutant General has notified Messrs. A. J. Garred, Clyde L. Miller and Wm. M. Fulkerson of their appointment as a Legal Advisory Board, Lawrence-co., with request that they select a number of capable men as assistants.

The duties of this Advisory Board are primarily to assist all registrants in filling out questionnaires. Any registrant who is not able to fill out his questionnaire should apply to one of the members of this Legal Advisory Board for help. It will not cost the registrant one cent to have any one of these gentlemen assist you in this work. This Board will, no doubt, have a common headquarters or office at which some one of them may be found each hour of the day for the next two weeks.

KNITTING CURES HIS NERVOUSNESS

New York.—Jno. G. Ballard of Asheville, N. C., was recovering from nervous prostration when knitting came into fashion. He couldn't read, so he watched his nurse knit. Finally he decided to have her teach him how to knit. Mr. Ballard is now in New York at the Hotel Majestic. He left all his ailments at home, but he brought his knitting. He has knitted fourteen sweaters since he began, and his nervousness has gone. He declares that in trying not to drop a stitch he forgot himself and soon his nervousness began to disappear. Mr. Ballard is a retired lumber dealer and is anxious for other nervous men to learn of his cure.

TEACHERS TO BE GIVEN CREDIT FOR MEETING

It has been suggested by State Superintendent of Schools, Gilbert, that the teachers who attend the Eastern Kentucky Mountain Life Conference to be held in Louisville January 10-12 will be allowed to count the time in their schools.

EXPLOSION IN MINES IN McDOWELL COUNTY

Charleston, W. Va., December 16.—State Chief of the Department of Mines Earl Henry left this evening for Sassa. McDowell-co., where he will make a thorough investigation of the explosion which occurred there late Saturday and caused the death of seventeen miners.

According to information received here, all of the bodies of the seventeen men have been recovered from the Yokum-Pocahontas No. 3, where the explosion occurred. The identity of several has not been established as yet.

An inspection also will be made of the mine before men are allowed to resume their work. Mr. Henry said, it has been said that the cause of the explosion Saturday was due to the fact that the mine had been idle for three days and gas had been allowed to accumulate.

RECAPTURED IN TEXAS.

Lexington, Ky., December 17.—Everett White, who escaped from the Kentucky House of Reform at Greendale June 28, 1912, was returned to that institution last night from Ft. Arthur, Texas. White was sent up for life from Boyd county in 1911 on a charge of murder. He asked the Governor to pardon him that he may enlist for the war. White now is 23, and unless he is pardoned he will be transferred within a few days to the prison at Frankfort.

TO FLORIDA CAMP.

Four hundred drafted men have been ordered by Adjutant General Ellis to report at Fort Barrancas, Florida, to become members of the training school for the coast artillery. The men will be selected from the quota of drafted men as follows: Fleming county, 50; Johnson county, 50; Campbell county, 50; Lewis county, 40; City of Covington, 80; and City of Newport, 30.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO EVERY REGISTREE MAN.

INFORMATION FOR ALL WHO ARE ON THE SELECTIVE DRAFT LIST.

The War Department is requiring every man within draft age to fill out a new set of questions, so as to classify the entire list. Exemptions already made do not count, so far as this work is concerned. Every one must fill out these new blanks within seven days after they are sent out. The following information comes to us from the Local Board of Lawrence county:

Messrs. A. J. Garred, Clyde L. Miller and Wm. M. Fulkerson have been recommended to the President by the Governor and each of these attorneys has been duly appointed, accepted and qualified, and hold themselves in readiness to assist registrants for the next three weeks in the doing of this important work. It is a gratuitous service on their part, and they have called to their assistance, other capable men: viz., A. O. Carter, R. A. Stone, Fred See, T. S. Thompson, Fred M. Vinton, and perhaps others. The assistance of these men will cost the registrant nothing, and these gentlemen should be freely used by registrants who may need assistance in any particular in connection with the classification work.

It will be the duty of the gentlemen named to organize the work of this Advisory Board, appoint associate members. No formal appointment by the President shall be necessary. It will be the duty of each member of the Legal Advisory Board and Associate Members, primarily, to maintain an office, or headquarters, where they may easily be found by all registrants, and to help them in filling out their questionnaires, to give advice and assistance in preparing claims and assist in filling out any other papers required, or desired, under the regulations, to be submitted to the Local Board by a registrant.

For his assistance in the work, the Governor has the active cooperation and assistance of the American Bar Association and it should be the pride of every lawyer in Lawrence county that no registrant within the good county of Lawrence is without competent legal advice and assistance in preparing all papers that such registrant is required to submit in the process of the selection of citizens of this county for duty in the present emergency. This Legal Advisory Board will render a patriotic service in this.

A telegram to this Legal Advisory Board from the Adjutant General dated December 15 reads as follows: "It is of paramount importance to the selective features of the draft and to effective employment of man-power of the army, that the occupational qualifications of every registrant be stated fully, with precision in his questionnaire. Therefore the registrant's answers to Series 1, Question 3, page 1, must without fail, specify his particular job in his industry, by answering, for example, not merely 'Railroad,' but 'tracklayer' or 'Trainman,' or 'car-shop repairer.' Answer to question 3, Series 1, should be made as specific as possible to questions 4, 9 and 10, in Series II, page 12."

Members of Legal Advisory Board and Associate Members should enter upon left-hand margin of front page of questionnaire of registrants to whom they give advice or assistance the following: "AID GIVEN BY ME." "PERMANENT MEMBER" or "ASSOCIATE MEMBER."

TO FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN.

Public Meeting at Court House in Louisa Friday, Dec. 21, at One O'clock.

A farmer's and business men's patriotic rally will be held at the court house in Louisa at one o'clock p. m., Friday, December 21 to which everybody is invited. Mr. K. L. Varney, a vigorous speaker, will bring a most important message to all. He is the well known Agricultural Agent of the U. S. in charge of the Big Sandy valley work. The matters he will talk about will interest you from a financial as well as from a patriotic standpoint. Mr. Varney wants to talk to us all about the Kaiser, the unspeakable Hun, the food situation, how a pig carries a machine gun for the American farmer, how an ear of corn is a part of every flag pole in the land—In short, how the American farmer can do his part in helping the Kaiser. Don't miss this meeting. It will be worth your while. Men, women, boys and girls invited.

TOUGH FOR PAUL GARY!

Army Won't Let Him Take Glass Eye Back to Germany.

Paul Gary, of Anderson, Ind., is all American, with the exception of a glass eye. The substitute optic is alien.

Gary tried to enlist in the United States Marine Corps but was rejected when his infirmity was discovered by Sergeant G. C. Wright.

"Didn't you know that loss of an eye would prevent you enlisting?" asked the sergeant.

"I thought it might," explained Gary, "but this glass blocker is the only part of me that was made in Germany, and I want to take it back."

He was advised to mail it.

PEOPLE OF HALIFAX GIVE THANKS IN CHURCH CELLARS

Halifax, N. S., December 16.—Religious services were held today in the basement of churches, partly demolished by the explosion of December 3, and large congregations gave thanks that their Canadian neighbors and American friends had been so quick to come to the rescue of the stricken city. It was not a day of rest, however.

The work of restoring the broken buildings was carried on by carpenters and glaziers. Glass stations were open and glass was distributed to all who presented orders from the proper authorities.

MAN IS CRUSHED BETWEEN CARS

At an early hour Friday, Doc Hutchison of Kellogg, was caught between cars on the Kenova yards of the B. & O. and crushed to death.

Hutchison was preparing to couple the cars, which were standing near a shifting engine. While he was occupied with this work a negro climbed into the engine cab and threw on the steam. The impact caught Hutchison between the cars. His left hand was severed and a blow in the chest near the heart crushed his life out.

Hutchison, a member of a well known Wayne county family, is survived by a wife and four children, and also his mother.

LAWRENCE COUNTY JAIL HAS CHANGED HANDS

Jailer Noah Wells and family moved on Wednesday of this week to their farm at Sacred Wind, this county. Mr. Wells' term of office expires December 31, but he is moving a few days earlier, fearing that the weather might be more inclement later. Mr. Wells and family have made many friends while living in Louisa. He is one of the best citizens in the county.

His successor, Sam Sturgill, and family have moved to the jailer's residence. Sam Sturgill, the new jailer, is also a good man, worthy to succeed Mr. Wells.

CAPT. PHIPPS QUILTS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The War Department has accepted the resignation of Capt. William M. Phipps, 149th Infantry.

Capt. Phipps, of D Company, 149th Infantry, was born in Magoffin-co., Ky., July 13, 1879. He is a school teacher and married. He enlisted in the old 2d Kentucky, stationed at Salyersville, on July 1, 1916, and was promoted to Sergeant on April 10, 1915. Next he was commissioned Second Lieutenant and February 16, 1917, became Captain of the company.

METHODIST BAZAAR A SUCCESS.

The bazaar held by the ladies of the M. E. Church last Friday and Saturday passed off very successfully. The ladies desire to thank those who contributed articles or in any way assisted in the success of the affair. A number of pretty articles were donated by friends from a distance and this was very much appreciated. The proceeds were \$175.

ENLISTED IN ARMY AND NAVY.

Paris Ghent of Garrett, Floyd-co., and Frank W. Smith of McVey, enlisted at Ashland, in coast artillery corps, W. H. Warnock, of Richardson, joined the navy.